

BPL poses a great threat to amateur radio (ham radio) communications by causing widespread interference throughout huge neighborhoods and shouldn't be allowed, much less have regulations on it relaxed. No domestic tests have been done to ensure the quality of life-saving ham radio traffic (used in emergencies such as the tornadoes in the midwest a few months back, and in 9/11 as well) is saved so communications can be provided and so that ham radio operators and BPL customers don't cause harmful interference to each other. The overseas tests done to measure harmful interference caused by BPL have shown that they do nothing besides almost completely destroy ham traffic. This isn't right, who will come first in emergencies, BPL customers or hams? Hams will, of course, because BPL lines will be down in one area, but may be up in another area, endangering people's lives. Is it really worth it? I think not. The arrl (<http://www.arrl.org>) has a lengthy section on BPL. I suggest you read it and find out if you prioritize a citizen's and the government's safety over their entertainment and money. Please choose to help the citizens and stop this.